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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in Southeast Asia, primarily the Laotian Panhandle, as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. For a comprehensive study of road development in this area prior ☐

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Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC, unless otherwise indicated.

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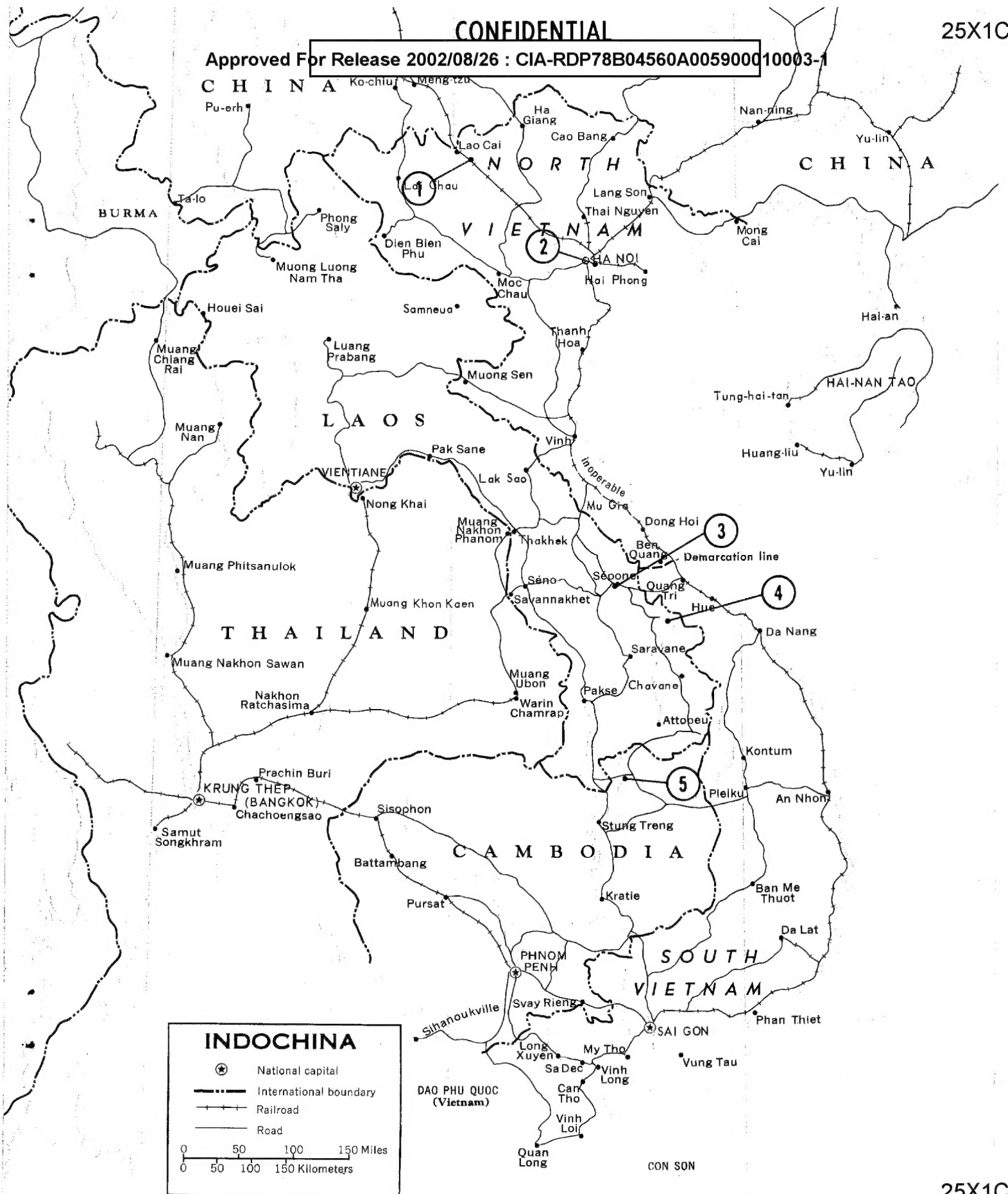
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1. Vehicular Activity, Route 4, North Vietnam

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A concentration of vehicles is observed on photography [redacted] at three of the previously reported construction/military facilities (Summary 25 Item 1) on North Vietnam Route 4, east of Lao Cai. A total of 35 trucks and three unidentified vehicles are located at the facilities in the vicinity of 22-30N 104-05E (Figures 1, 2, and 3). No additional facilities are identified in the area.

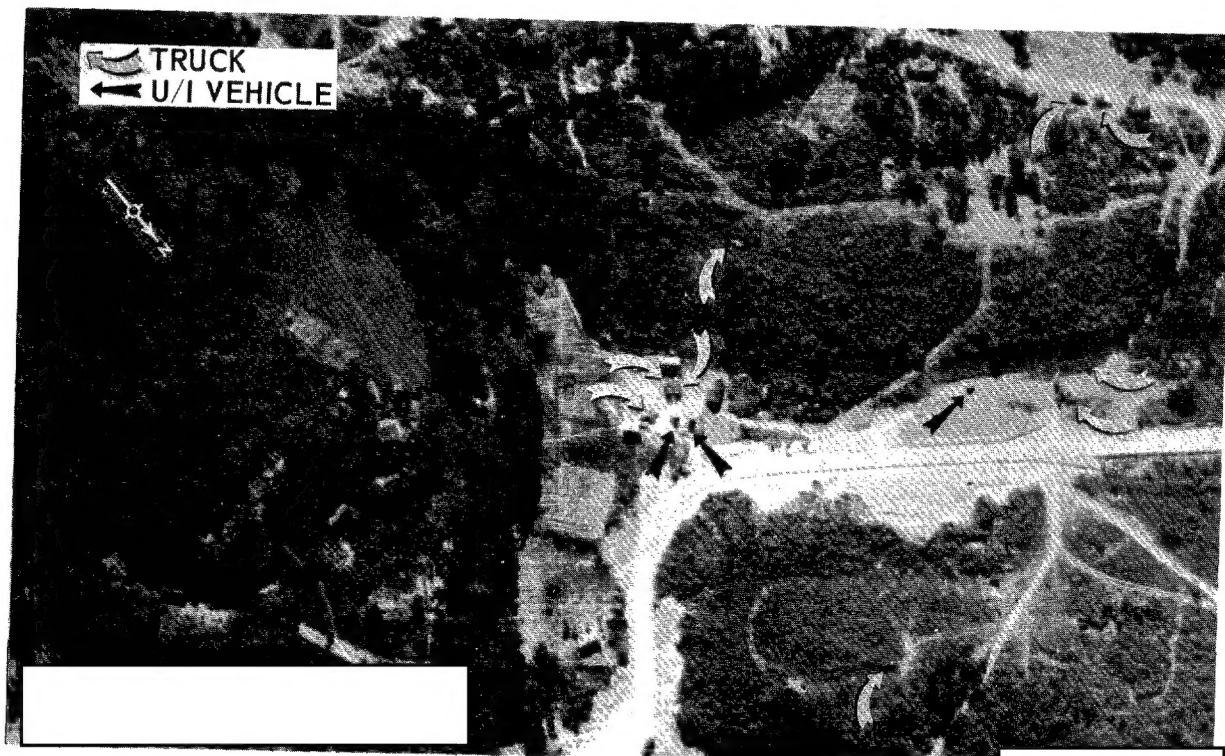
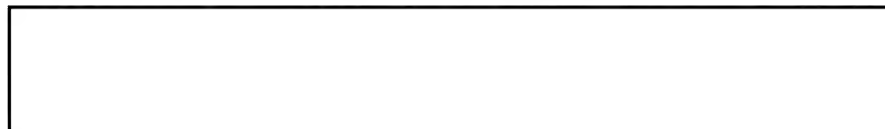


FIGURE 1. VEHICULAR ACTIVITY, ROUTE 4, NORTH VIETNAM

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LAO CAI

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ROUTE 4

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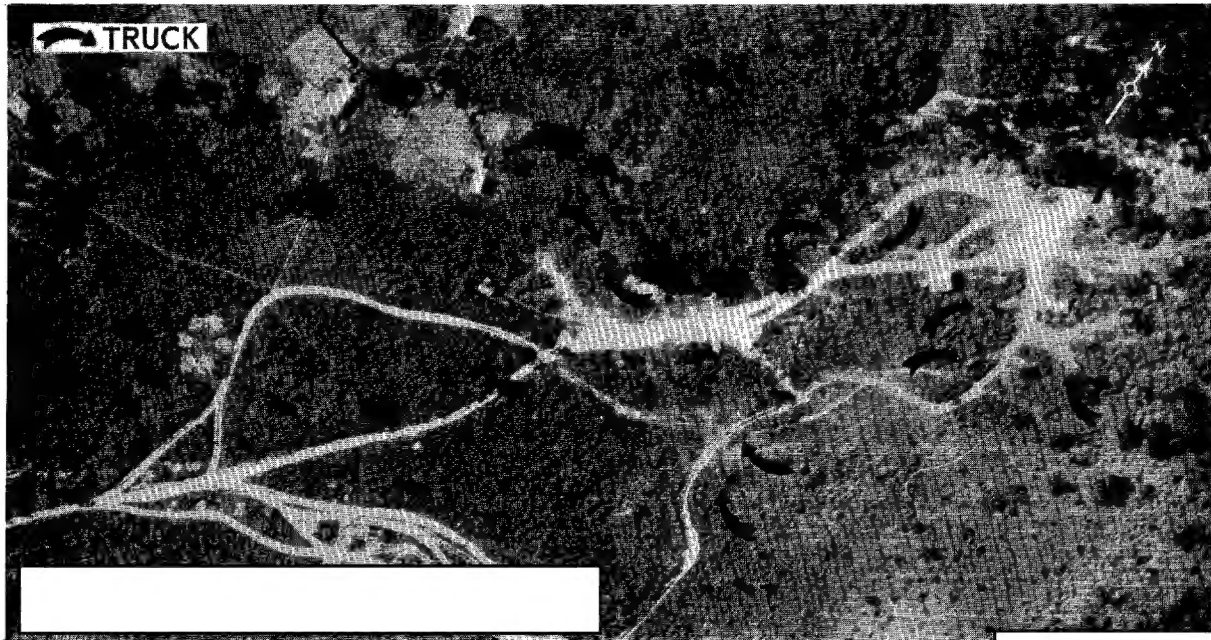
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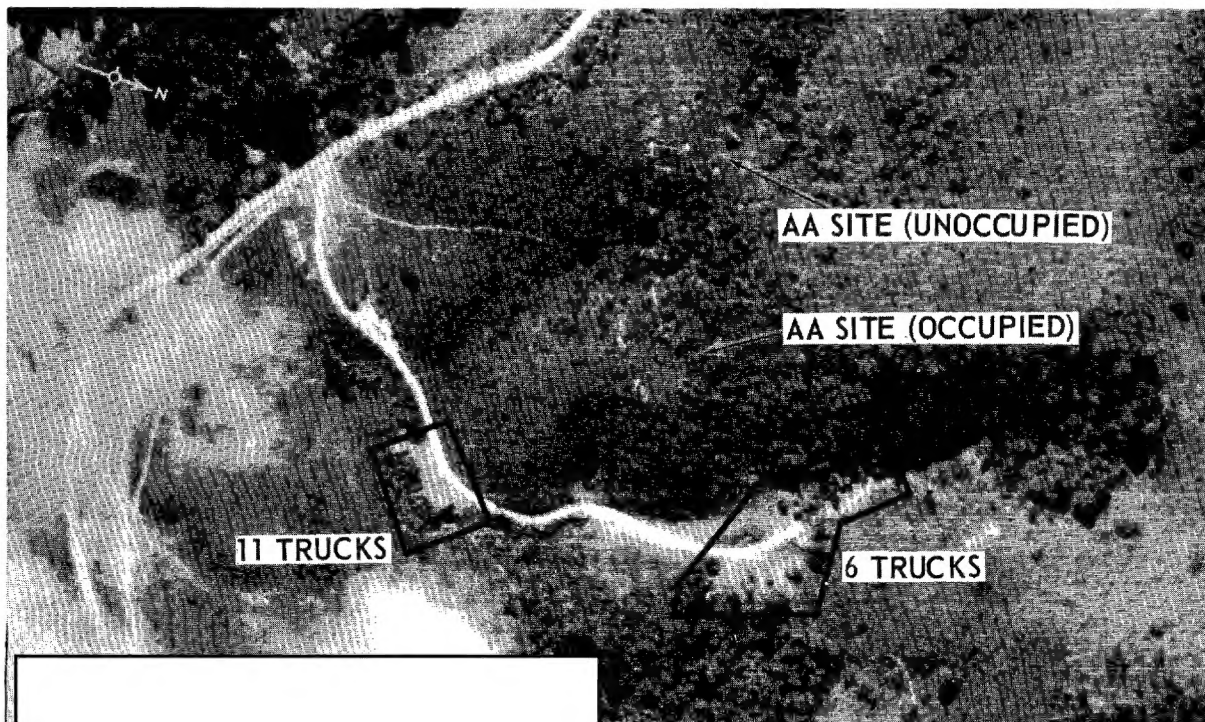
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FIGURE 2. VEHICULAR ACTIVITY, ROUTE 4, NORTH VIETNAM



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FIGURE 3. VEHICULAR ACTIVITY, ROUTE 4, NORTH VIETNAM

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2. Railroad Bridge Under Construction, North Vietnam

Construction continues on the railroad by-pass bridge east of the Ha Noi Railroad and Highway Bridge over the Canal Des Rapides [redacted] at 21-04N 105-55E. First reported [redacted] (Summary 13), the bridge is nearing completion with all piers in place and the approach track laid with the exception of a 300-foot segment on the south bank (Figures 4 and 5).

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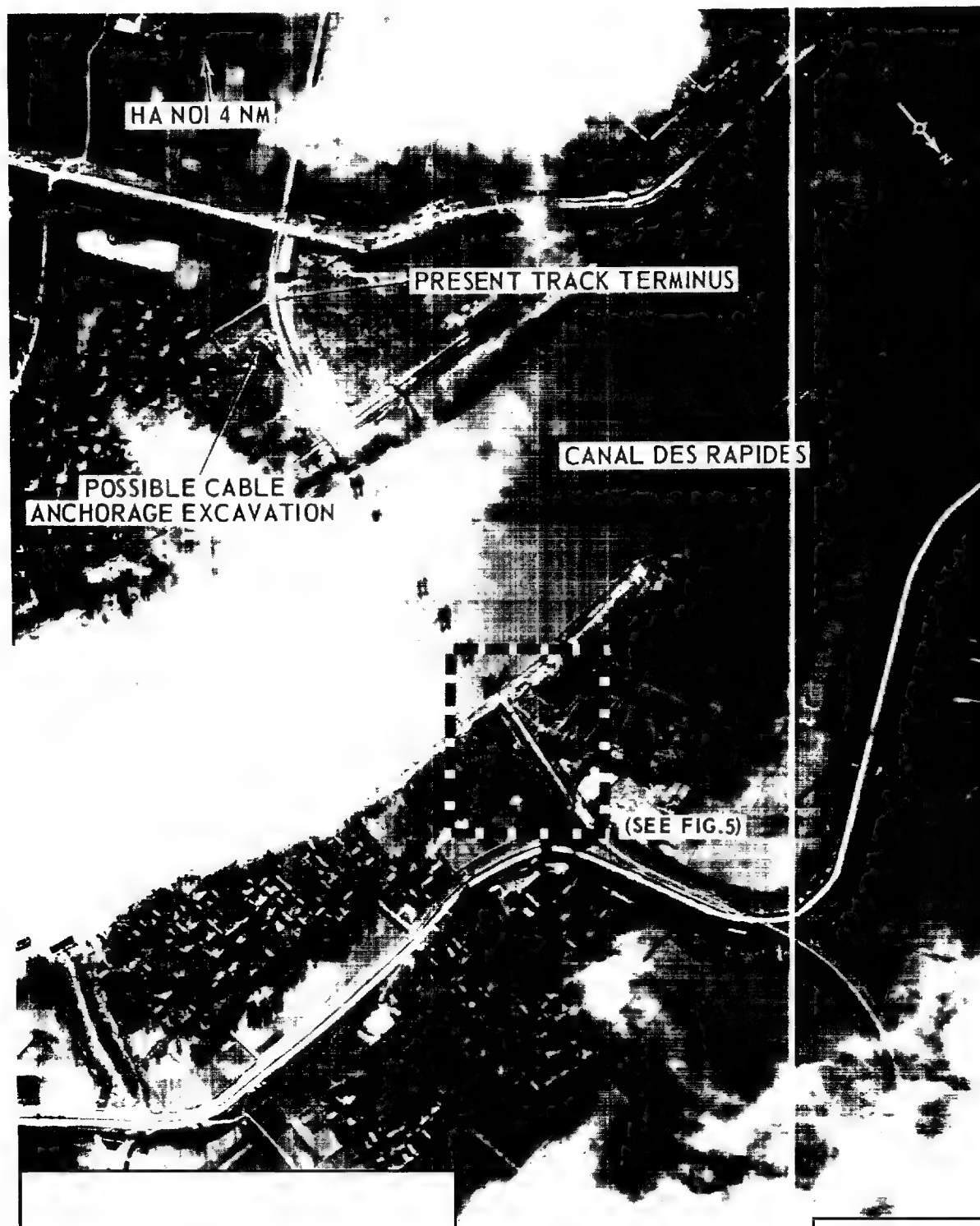
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FIGURE 4. RAILROAD BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, HA NOI-PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE, NORTH VIETNAM

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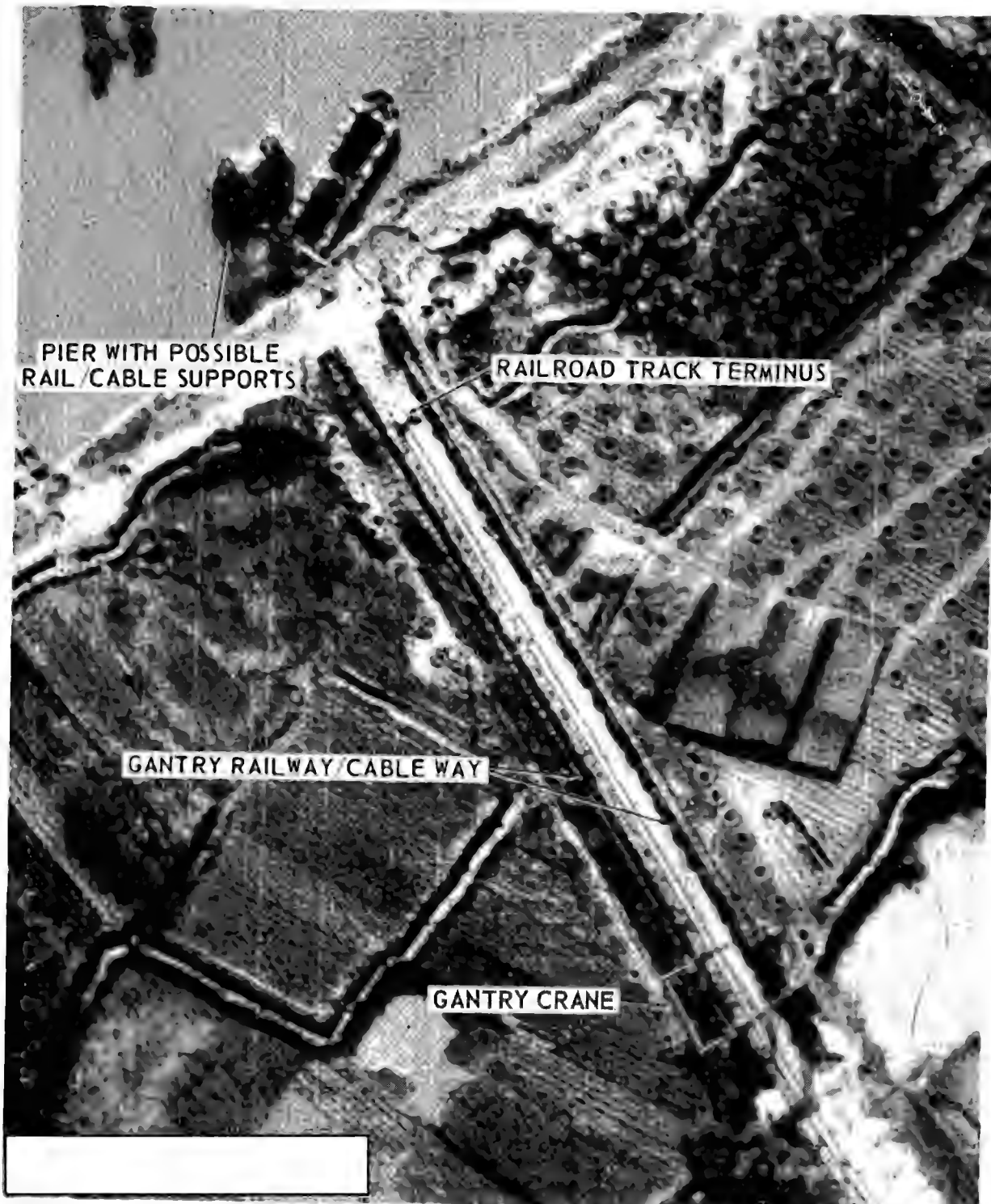


FIGURE 5. RAILROAD BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, HA NOI/PING-HSIANG RAIL LINE, NORTH VIETNAM

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3. Road Status, Northern Laotian Panhandle

Heavy usage of the entire Communist-controlled road network in the northern Laotian Panhandle between Mu Gia Pass and Ban Bac is photo-confirmed (see adjacent map). Route 914 between the junctions with Routes 9 and 92, and Route 92 between 16-18N 106-35E and 16-11N 106-41E are both serviceable and active. Route 922, in addition to being active, has been extended (see Item 4). Other developments throughout the network are: an additional ford has been opened on a Route 23 by-pass across the Se Bang Fai (river) in the Ban Pak Phanang area (Figure 6); Route 912 remains serviceable on a day-by-day basis (the interdictions on Figure 7 had been repaired [redacted] [redacted] Route 239 has been opened between Routes 911 and 23 (Figures 8 and 9) and could provide an alternate southern route.

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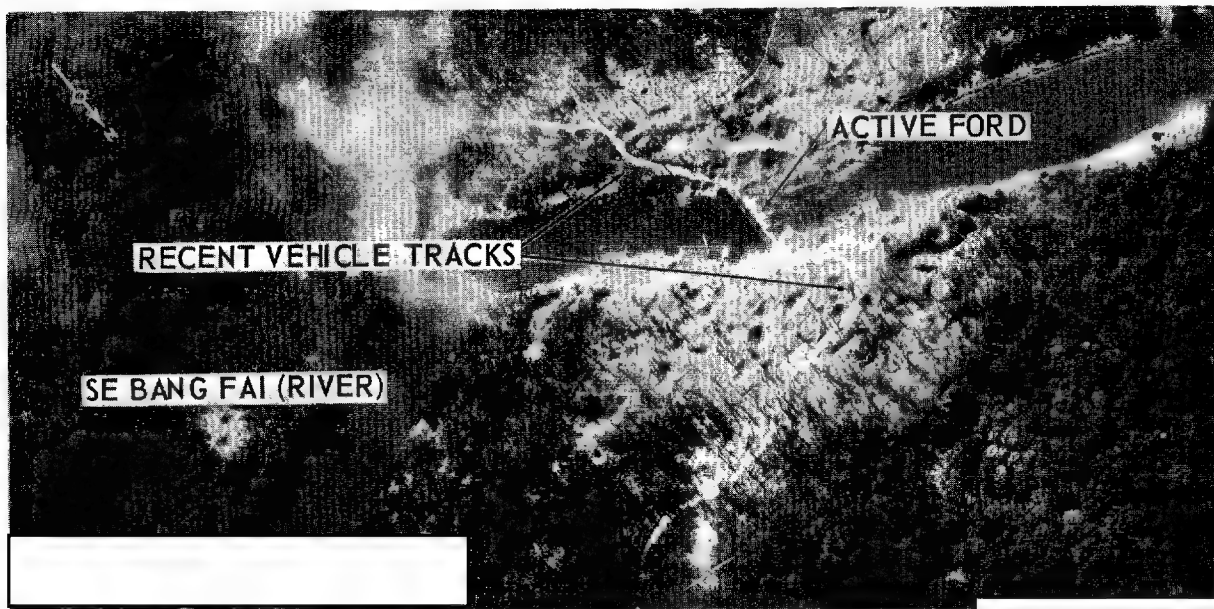


FIGURE 6. ROAD STATUS (17-24N 105-43E), ROUTE 23 BY-PASS, NORTH VIETNAM.

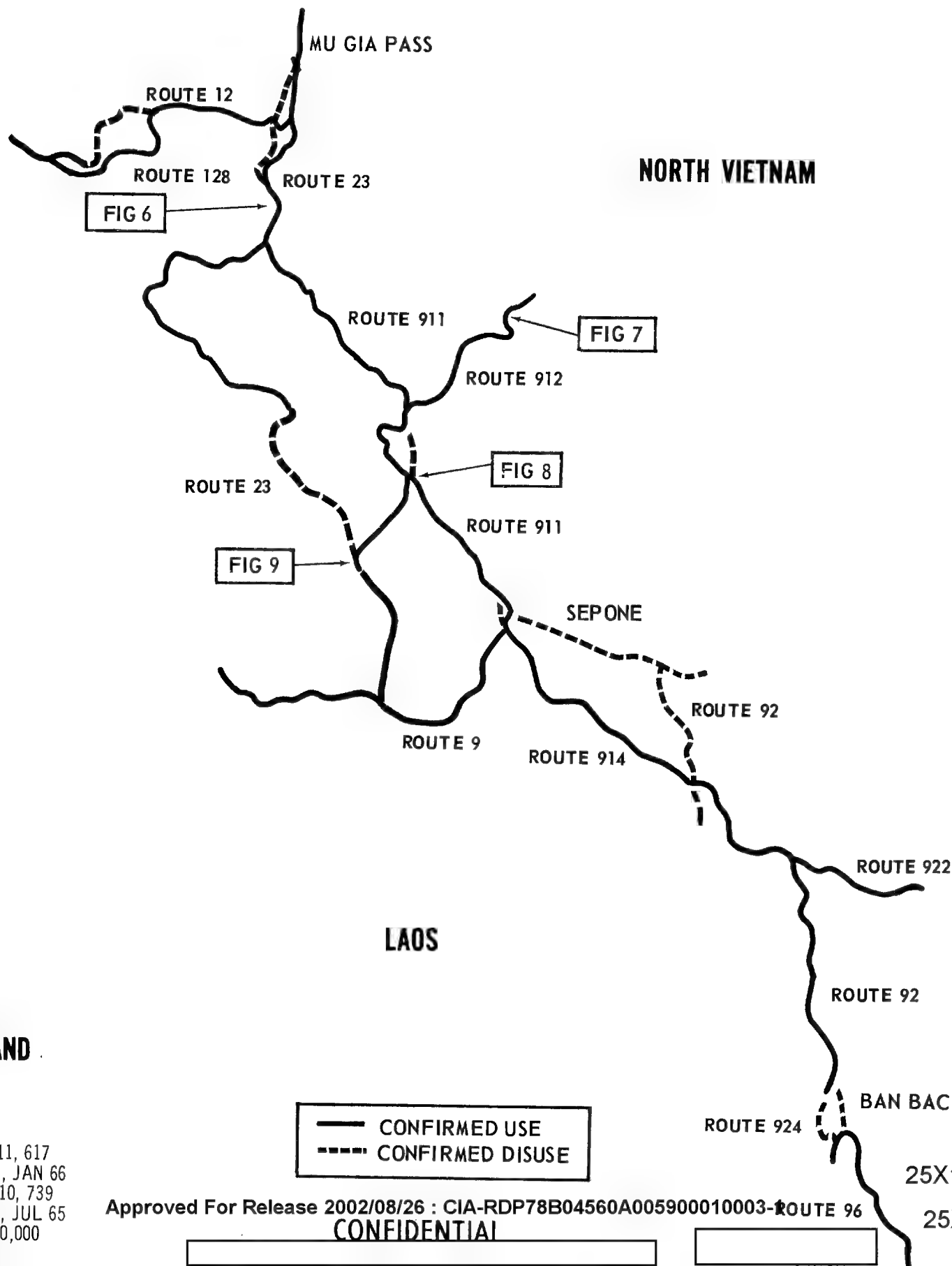
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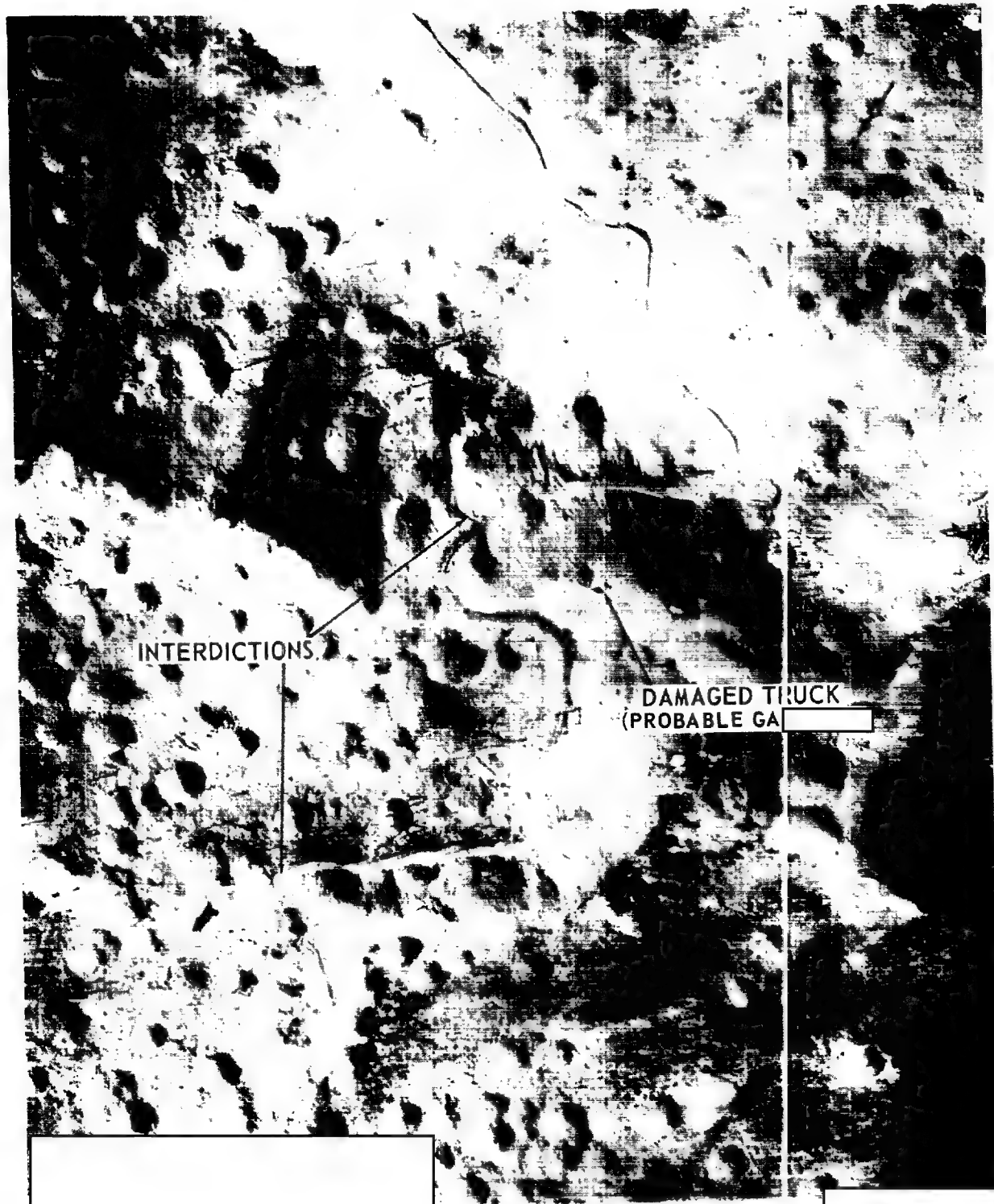
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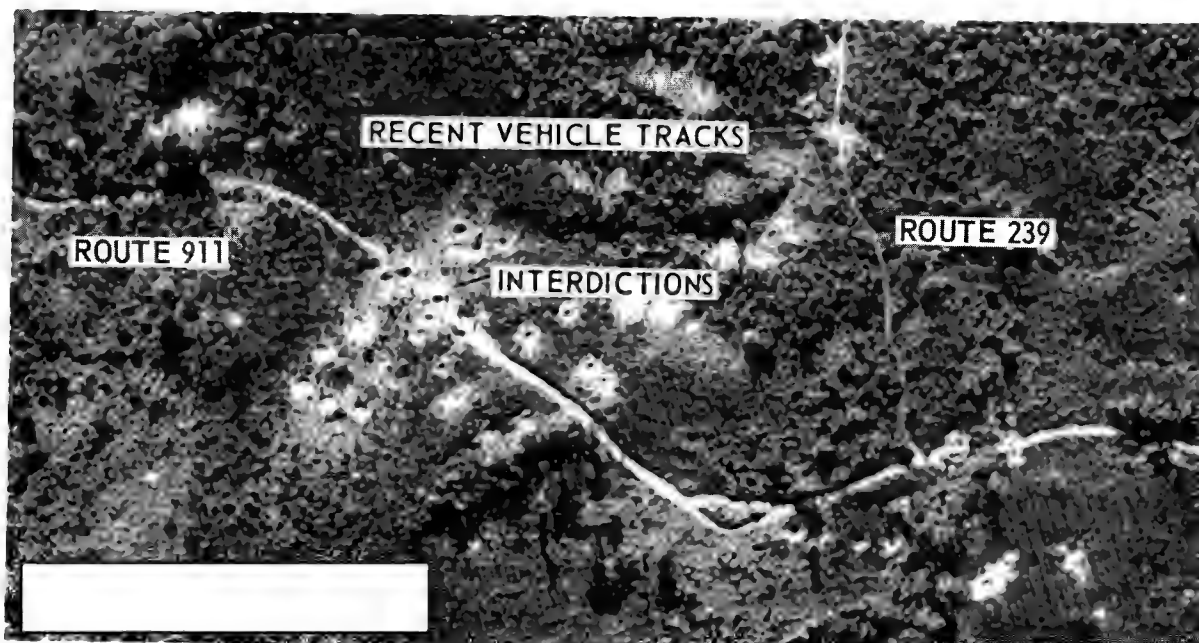
FIGURE 7. ROAD STATUS (17-13N 106-08E), ROUTE 912, LAOS

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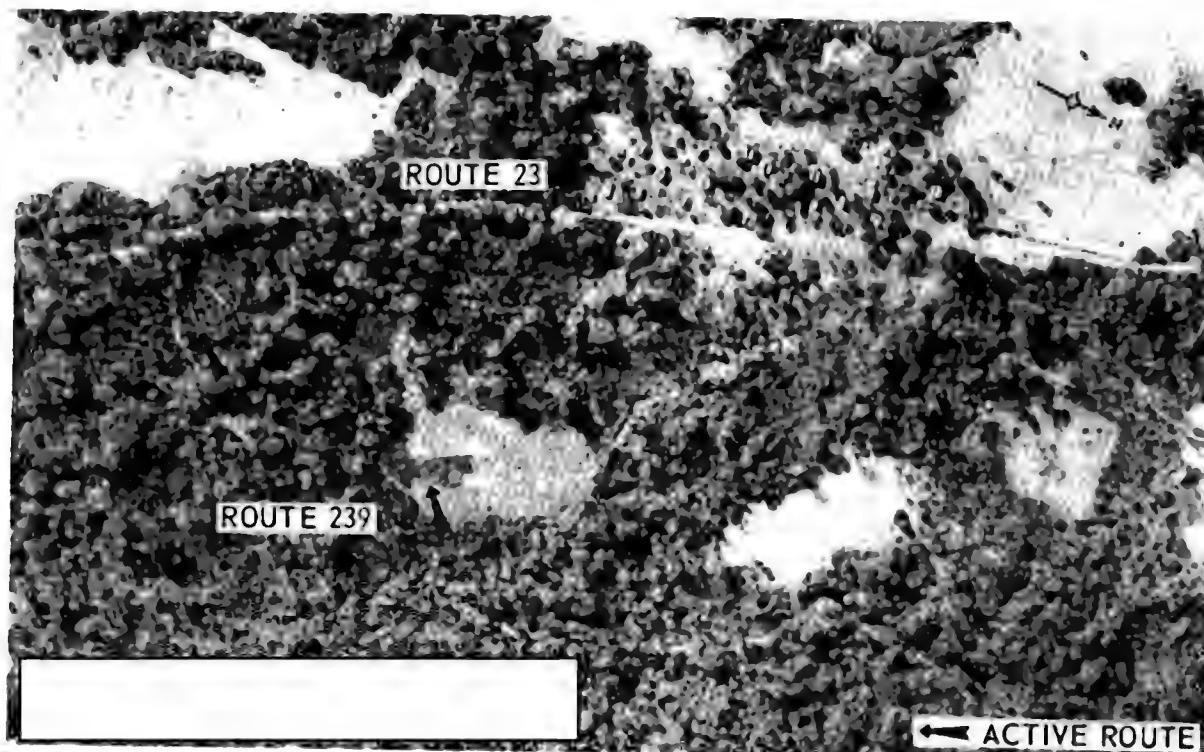
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FIGURE 8. ROAD STATUS (16-57N 105-58E), JUNCTION OF ROUTES 911 AND 239, LAOS

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FIGURE 9. ROAD STATUS (16-49N 105-52E) JUNCTION OF ROUTES 23 AND 239, LAOS

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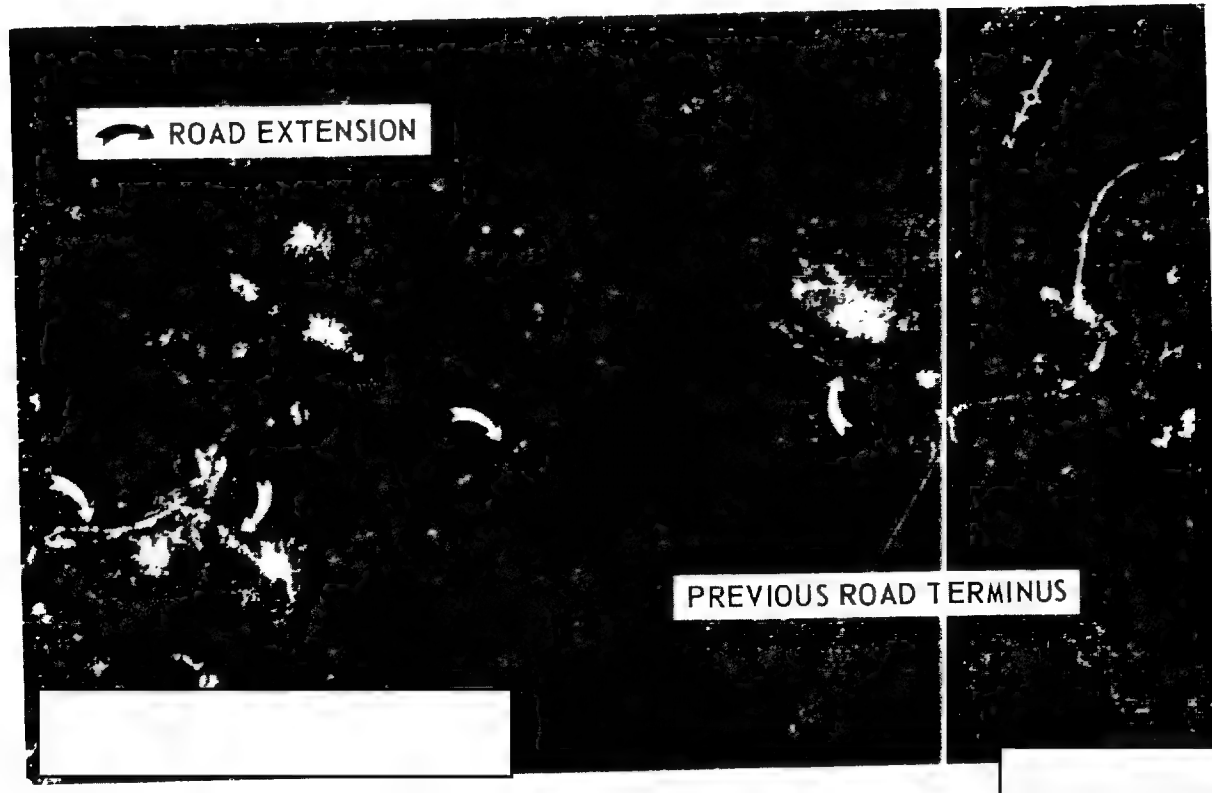
4. Road Construction, Route 922, Laos

Route 922 has been extended generally east from its previously reported terminus at 16-14N 106-58E to approximately 16-14N 106-56E. A suspect staging area was identified [redacted] in a heavily wooded area at the terminus, from which four heavily used trails radiated toward South Vietnam. Subsequent air strikes destroyed the protective tree cover and there was little evidence of activity along the entire route [redacted]. Vehicle tracks now extend from the previous terminus at UTM YC004971 (Figure 10) to an active ford across the Se Pone (river) at UTM YC067964, and terminate at approximately UTM YC072962 (Figure 11). A well-used trail continues east from this point; however, at this time there is no evidence of an intent to extend the road further.

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FIGURE 10. ROAD EXTENSION, ROUTE 922, LAOS

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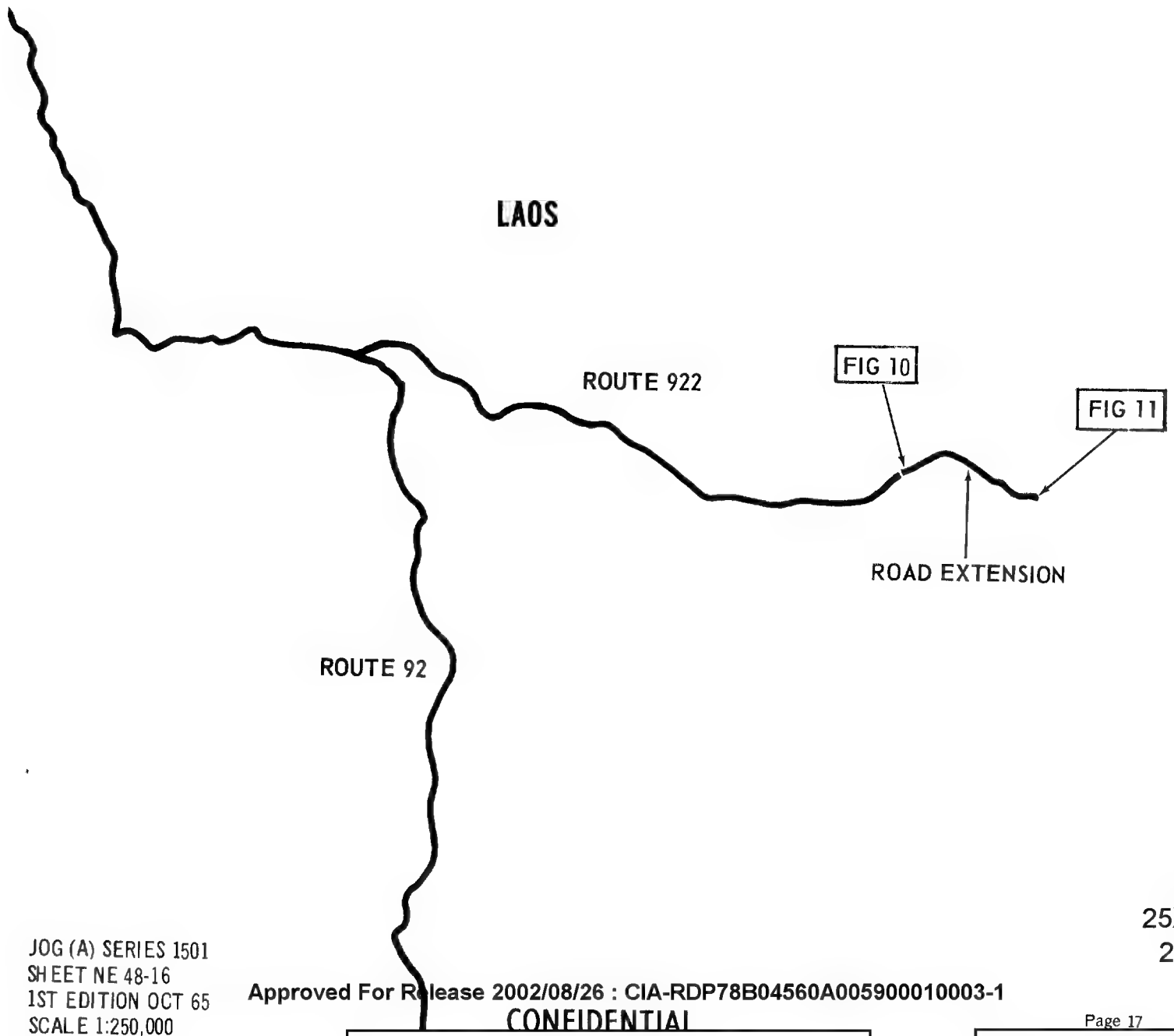
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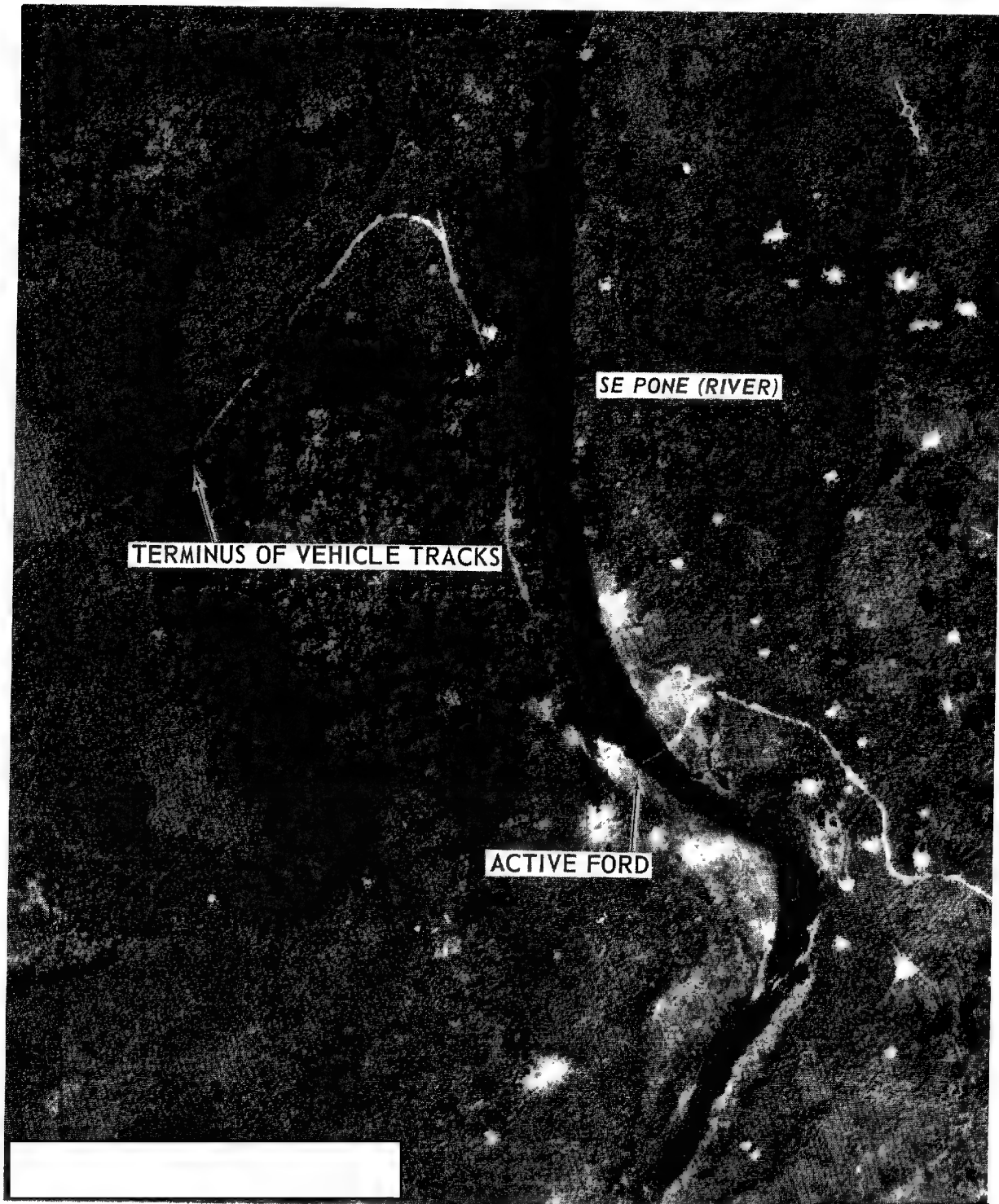
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FIGURE 11. NEW ROAD TERMINUS, ROUTE 922, LAOS

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5. Suspect Communist Supply Route, Northeast Cambodia

A suspect Communist supply route extends north from Stung Treng (13-31N 105-54E), Cambodia, along Routes 13 and 14 to the vicinity of Siemprang, then north on the Tonle Kong (river) to the vicinity of the Cambodia/Laos Border, and then into Laos via Cambodia Route 97 and Laos Route 110. Multiple heavily-used vehicle tracks are observed along Route 14 (Figure 13) and north from Siemprang on an unnumbered road to a probable transshipment area on the Tonle Kong at 14-12N 106-23E (Figure 16). Increased river traffic has been observed on the Tonle Kong between this area and the Cambodia/Laos Border (Figure 14 and Summary 30, Item 3), while the southern half of Route 97 is in disuse (Figure 12). At least one transshipment point has been identified near the border, connected to Route 9/110 by an active access road (Summary 30, Item 3). Causeways have recently been constructed from each bank of the Tonle Kong at Stung Treng (Figures 16 and 17), which could significantly increase the volume of vehicular traffic by halving the ferrying distance.

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FIGURE 12. ROAD STATUS (14-17N 106-21E), ROUTE 97, CAMBODIA

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LAOS

ROUTE 197

TONLE KONG
(RIVER)

FIG 12

FIG 14

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SIEMPANG

FIG 13

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ROUTE 14

LAOS

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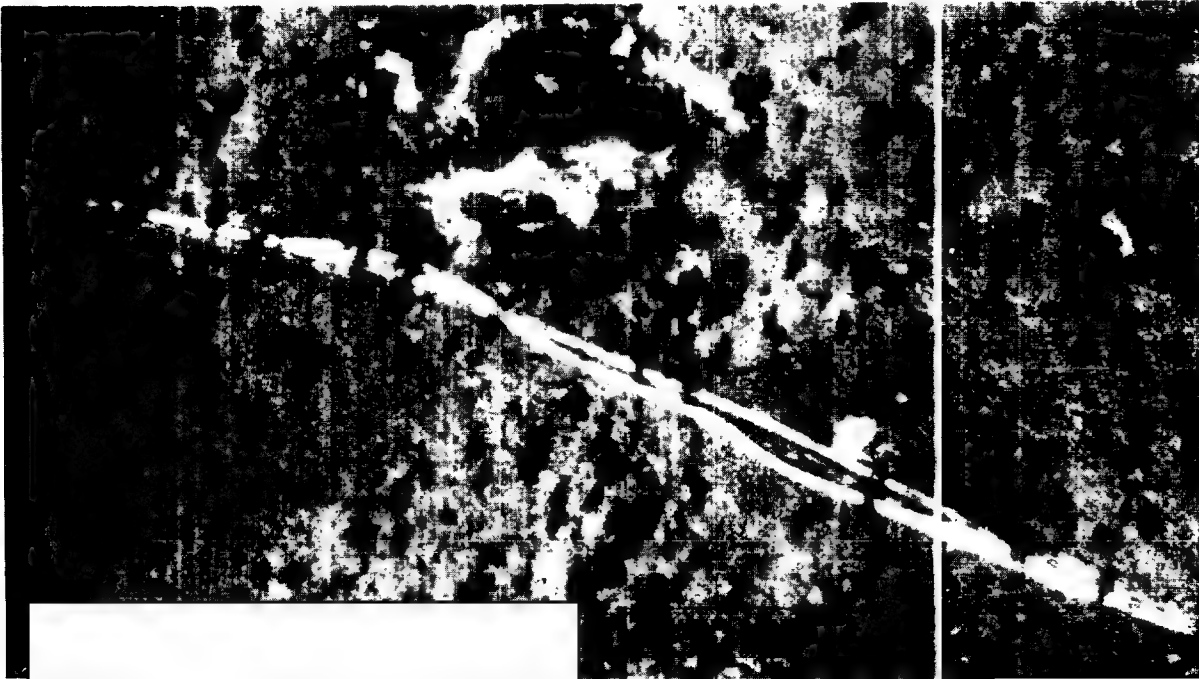
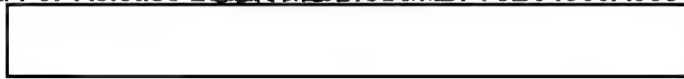


FIGURE 13. ROAD STATUS (14-06N 106-18E), ROUTE 14, CAMBODIA

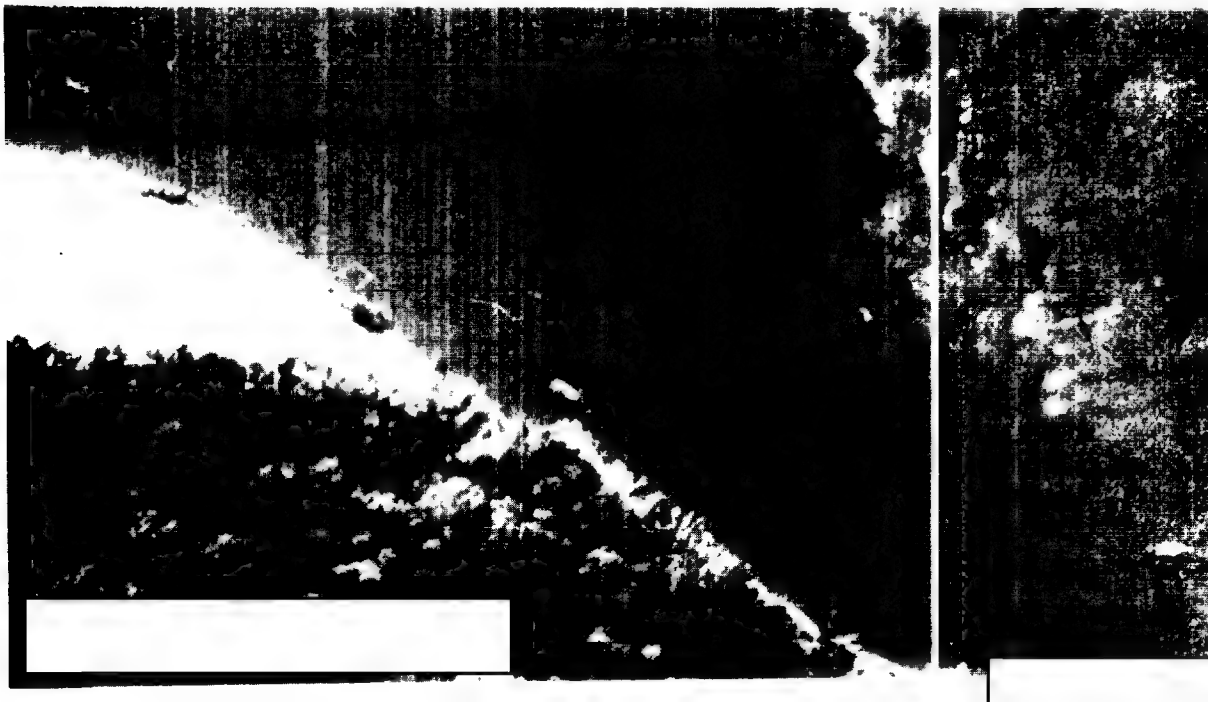


FIGURE 14. MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT (14-15N 106-22E), TONLE KONG RIVER, CAMBODIA

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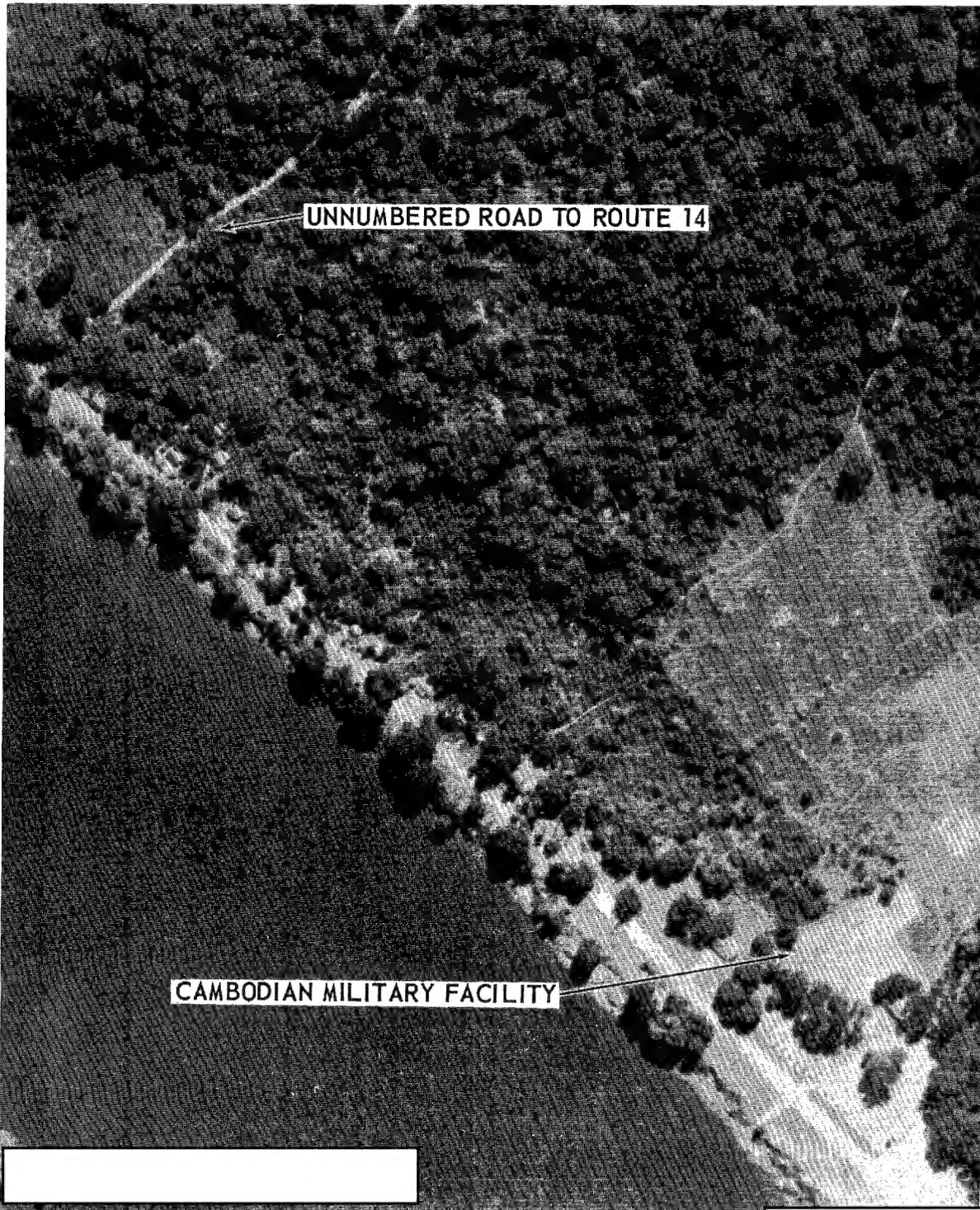
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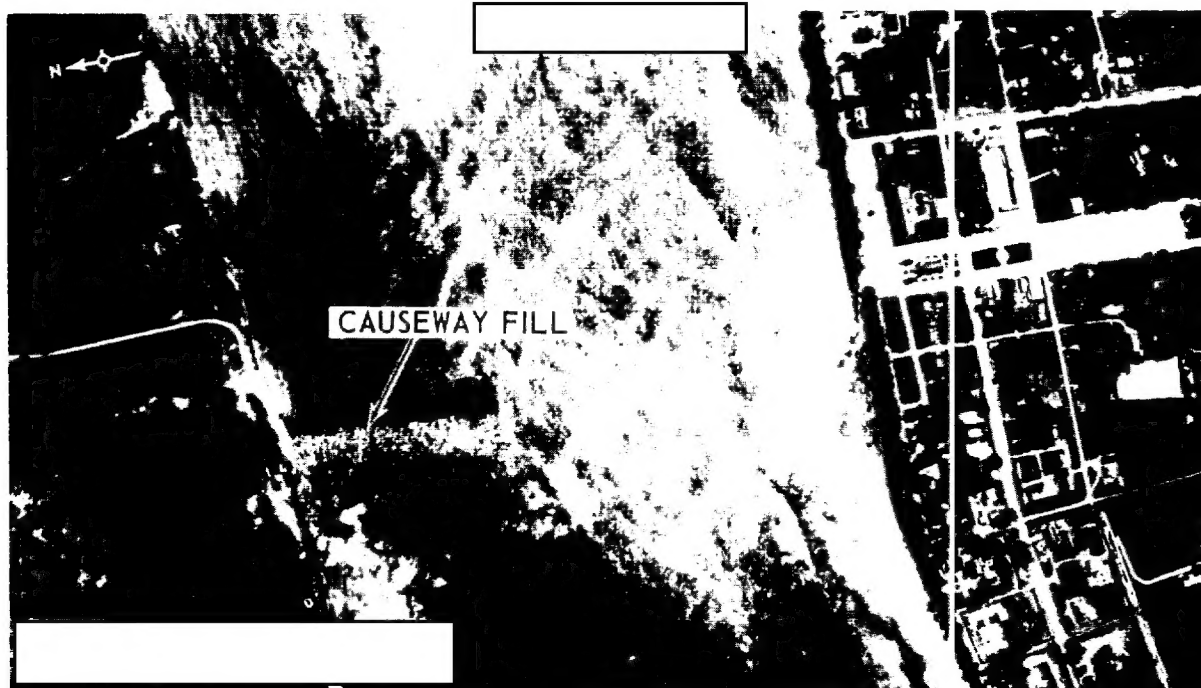
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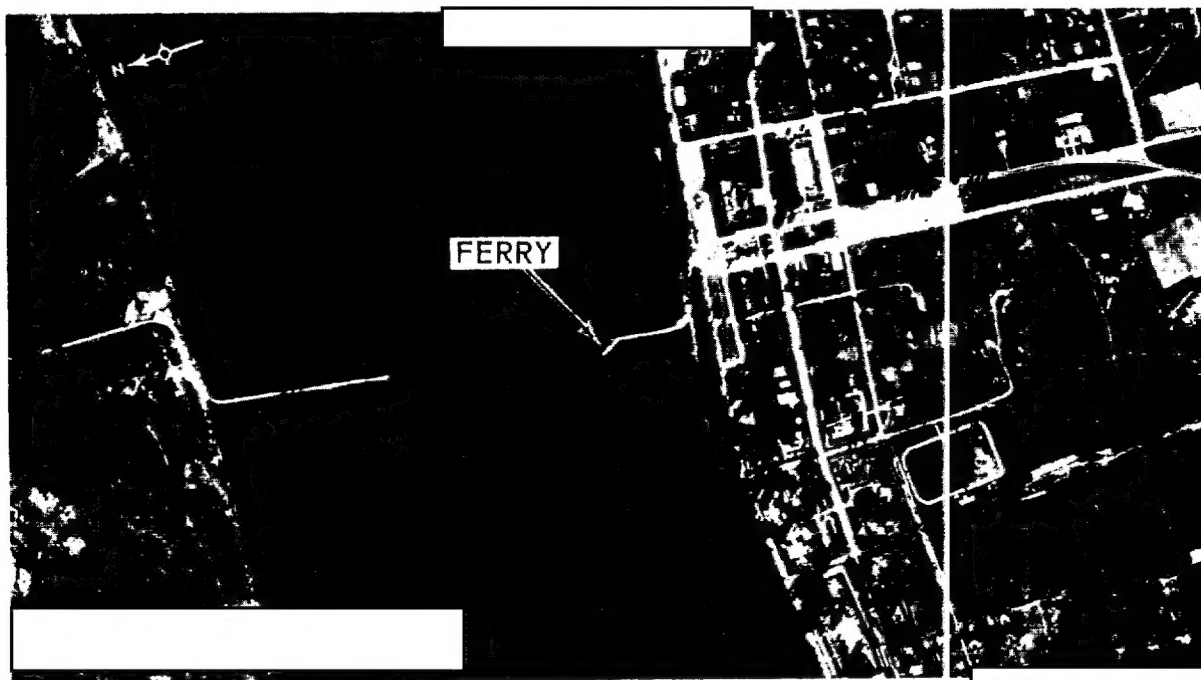


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FIGURE 16. CAUSEWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, STUNG TRENG, CAMBODIA

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FIGURE 17. CAUSEWAY AND FERRY CROSSING, STUNG TRENG, CAMBODIA

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CAMBODIA

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